

TEACHER WEBINAR

NEW: TEACHING A LEVEL BIOLOGY FOR THE FIRST TIME

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Teaching A level biology for the first time can seem daunting for new teachers. This course will give you a clear overview of the expectations and ideas to address the areas that are challenging. We will investigate differentiation, stretch and challenge and exam technique with a view to developing successful, independent learners who will fully embrace the synoptic nature of biology. The day will be discussion based with many activities to illustrate the ideas discussed.

PROGRAMME

TIME

Session 1: Thursday 15 October 2020

Welcome and Introduction

4.30 - 4.35pm

Being new to A level teaching

4.35 - 5.35pm

- Breaking down the challenge's teachers feel about teaching A level
- Ensuring students hit the ground running in September
- Recognising which areas will be most challenging for you and how to address these issues
- Identifying your support network and making the most of it

Expectations at A level

5.35 - 6.40pm

- What do successful A level students do?
- Teaching a linear qualification
- Synoptic skills and how to embed them.
- Examiners feedback and how to use these in your teaching

Session 2: Tuesday 20 October 2020

Embedding core concepts and developing synoptic thinking

4.30 - 5.30pm

- Differentiation strategies that support and extend learners appreciation of the links in biology
- Developing independent thinking and learning skills through teaching strategies
- From practical work to exam questions: encouraging students to see the connections

Exam technique and question styles

5.30 - 6.35pm

- Identifying the different types of question and how they are marked
- Preparing students for the exam and the variety of questions they face
- Introducing the essay and embedding preparation into your planning
- Strategies and activities to reduce the fear of the essay

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Thursday 15 October 2020

Tuesday 20 October 2020

WEBINAR LEADER

Michael Brown was an examiner for 18 years and has worked in post 16 education for 23 years, initially as an A-level Biology Tutor before progressing to Head of Department and finally STEM and Quality Initiatives Manager.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- NQTs in Biology
- Teachers aiming to teach A Level biology in the future or who have just started teaching A Level for the first time
- Teachers who want to enhance their confidence in teaching A Level
- Teachers who have not taught A level biology for some time

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Identified the challenges faced by teachers and students when starting A level
- Recognised the sources of help and support that are most useful
- Learned strategies to ensure students meet the expectations of A level
- Developed a range of teaching strategies that enable students to develop synoptic thinking
- Understand the range of question types and how to prepare students for them
- Developed a clear understanding of essay requirements and methods of preparing students from the start of the course
- Shared concerns and ideas with teachers in similar situations

WHY SHOULD YOU BOOK A TEACHER WEBINAR?

- ✓ **Get focused feedback** on the most important areas for improvement for 2020
- ✓ **Take away new approaches** to tackling specific challenging topics that take a different angle
- ✓ **Gain new techniques** for enhancing the performance of specific groups of students
- ✓ **Led by current examiners and academic experts**, giving the best possible advice
- ✓ **Interact and ask questions directly** to the examiner expert leading the webinar